

Amendments of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-105. (Cancelled)

106. (Previously Presented) A method for use in an interactive television program guide system that provides a user with access to broadcast television programs and recorded programs stored on a digital storage device in the user's equipment, the method comprising:

recording programs on the digital storage device;

providing to the user a list of selectable options comprising a first selectable option and a second selectable option, wherein the first selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of selectable program listings having at least one selectable program listing for a broadcast television program and at least one selectable program listing for a recorded program stored on the digital storage device, and wherein the second selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of recorded programs stored on the digital storage device;

receiving a user selection of a recorded program from the list of selectable program listings; and

playing the recorded program from the digital storage device in response to receiving the user selection of the recorded program from the list of selectable program listings.

107. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

storing program data associated with the recorded program on the digital storage device.

108. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 107, further comprising:

allowing the user to interact with the stored associated program data during playback of the recorded program.

109. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 107, wherein the associated program data includes user added information.

110. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a list of programs scheduled to be recorded.

111. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 110, further comprising:

providing the user with an opportunity to select a program listing for a program scheduled to be recorded; and

displaying an information screen for the selected program in response to the user selecting the program scheduled to be recorded.

112. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to transfer the stored program to a removable storage device.

113. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a set-up screen; and

providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more recording options using the set-up screen.

114. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 113, further comprising:

providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more playback options using the set-up screen.

115. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 106, further comprising:

determining whether the digitally stored programs include advertisements; and

providing the user with an opportunity to play back the recorded program without displaying the advertisements.

116. (Previously Presented) An interactive television program guide system that provides a user with access to broadcast television programs and recorded programs stored on a digital storage device in the user's equipment, the system comprising:

a digital storage device for recording programs;

a display device for providing to the user a list of selectable options comprising a first selectable option and a second selectable option, wherein the first selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of selectable program listings having at least one selectable program listing for a broadcast television program and at least one selectable program listing for a recorded program stored on the digital storage device, and wherein the second selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of recorded programs stored on the digital storage device; and

control circuitry for:

receiving a user selection of a recorded program from the list of selectable program listings; and

playing the recorded program from the digital storage device in response to receiving the user selection of the recorded program from the list of selectable program listings.

117. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 116, wherein the digital storage device is configured to store program data associated with the recorded program.

118. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 117, wherein the digital storage device is configured to allow the user to interact with the stored associated program data during playback of the recorded program.

119. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 117, wherein the associated program data includes user added information.

120. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 116, wherein the display device provides a selectable option that allows the user to access a list of programs scheduled to be recorded.

121. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 120, wherein the display device provides the user with an opportunity to select a program listing for a program scheduled to be recorded and displays an information screen for the selected program in response to the user selecting the program scheduled to be recorded.

122. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 116, wherein the display device provides a selectable option that allows the user to transfer the stored program to a removable storage device.

123. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 116, wherein the display device provides a selectable option that allows the user to access a set-up screen and provides the user with an opportunity to define one or more recording options using the set-up screen.

124. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 123, wherein the display device provides the user with an opportunity to define one or more playback options using the set-up screen.

125. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 116, wherein the digital storage device is configured to determine whether the digitally stored programs include advertisements,

and wherein the display device provides the user with an opportunity to play back the recorded program without displaying the advertisements.

126. (Previously Presented) An interactive television program guide system that provides a user with access to broadcast television programs and recorded programs stored on a digital storage device in the user's equipment, the system comprising:

means for recording programs on the digital storage device;

means for providing to the user a list of selectable options comprising a first selectable option and a second selectable option, wherein the first selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of selectable program listings having at least one selectable program listing for a broadcast television program and at least one selectable program listing for a recorded program stored on the digital storage device, and wherein the second selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of recorded programs stored on the digital storage device;

means for receiving a user selection of a recorded program from the list of selectable program listings; and

means for playing the recorded program from the digital storage device in response to receiving the user selection of the recorded program from the list of selectable program listings.

127. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for storing program data associated with the recorded program on the digital storage device.

128. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 127, further comprising:

means for allowing the user to interact with the stored associated program data during playback of the recorded program.

129. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 127, wherein the associated program data includes user added information.

130. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a list of programs scheduled to be recorded.

131. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 130, further comprising:

means for providing the user with an opportunity to select a program listing for a program scheduled to be recorded; and

means for displaying an information screen for the selected program in response to the user selecting the program scheduled to be recorded.

132. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for providing a selectable option that allows the user to transfer the stored program to a removable storage device.

133. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a set-up screen; and

means for providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more recording options using the set-up screen.

134. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 133, further comprising:

means for providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more playback options using the set-up screen.

135. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 126, further comprising:

means for determining whether the digitally stored programs include advertisements; and

means for providing the user with an opportunity to play back the recorded program without displaying the advertisements.

136. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium for providing a user of an interactive television program guide with access to broadcast television programs and recorded programs stored on a digital storage device in the user's equipment, comprising machine program logic recorded thereon for:

recording programs on the digital storage device;

providing to the user a list of selectable options comprising a first selectable option and a second selectable option, wherein the first selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of selectable program listings having at least one selectable program listing for a broadcast television program and at least one selectable program listing for a recorded program stored on the digital storage device, and wherein the second selectable option is provided for allowing the user to access a list of recorded programs stored on the digital storage device;

receiving a user selection of a recorded program from the list of selectable program listings; and

playing the recorded program from the digital storage device in response to receiving the user selection of the recorded program from the list of selectable program listings.

137. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 136, further comprising machine program logic for:

storing program data associated with the recorded program on the digital storage device.

138. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 137, further comprising machine program logic for:

allowing the user to interact with the stored associated program data during playback of the recorded program.

139. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 137, wherein the associated program data includes user added information.

140. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 136, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to access a list of programs scheduled to be recorded.

141. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 140, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing the user with an opportunity to select a program listing for a program scheduled to be recorded; and
displaying an information screen for the selected program in response to the user selecting the program scheduled to be recorded.

142. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 136, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing a selectable option that allows the user to transfer the stored program to a removable storage device.

143. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 136, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing a selectable option that allows

the user to access a set-up screen; and

providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more recording options using the set-up screen.

144. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 143, further comprising machine program logic for:

providing the user with an opportunity to define one or more playback options using the set-up screen.

145. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable medium of claim 144, further comprising machine program logic for:

determining whether the digitally stored programs include advertisements; and

providing the user with an opportunity to play back the recorded program without displaying the advertisements.